PENDING CLAIMS

The following is a current listing of the claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for transmitting data comprising the steps of:
    transmitting a message indicative of the rate of said data prior to and independent of data transmission and the time interval over which said data will be transmitted at said rate; and
    transmitting said data at said rate during said time interval using one data transmission channel.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 wherein said message comprises:
    an indication of the frame type;
    an indication of said rate of said data; and
    an indication of said time interval.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said message comprises:
    a two bit indication of the frame type;
    a four bit indication of said rate of said data; and
    a four bit indication of said time interval.